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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed June 15, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application and presently pending claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 21 is respectfully requested.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter allowed in claim 4.

B. Claims 2, 5-8 and 21

The Applicant respectfully submits that since claims 2, 5-8 and 21 depend on independent claim 1, claims 2, 5-8 and 21 contain all limitations of independent claim 1. Since independent claim 1 should be allowed, as argued above, pending dependent claims 2, 5-8 and 21 should be allowed as a matter of law for at least this reason. In re Fine, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1596, 1608 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections have been traversed, rendered moot and/or accommodated, and that presently pending claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 21 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and the presently pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-1400.

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